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HE PICKED
A SHARP CURVE
TO JUMP OFF AT!
THE TRAIN ALWAYS
SLOWS DOWN
HERE!

I COULDN'T
HELP IT, C.B.—
THE NEXT THING
I KNEW HE
WAS FREE!

SAVE THE
EXPLANATION FOR
LATER! RIGHT NOW,
WE MUST GRAB HIM!
HE'S THE MOST
DANGEROUS CONVICT
IN AMERICA!

**CHARLES
BIRO**



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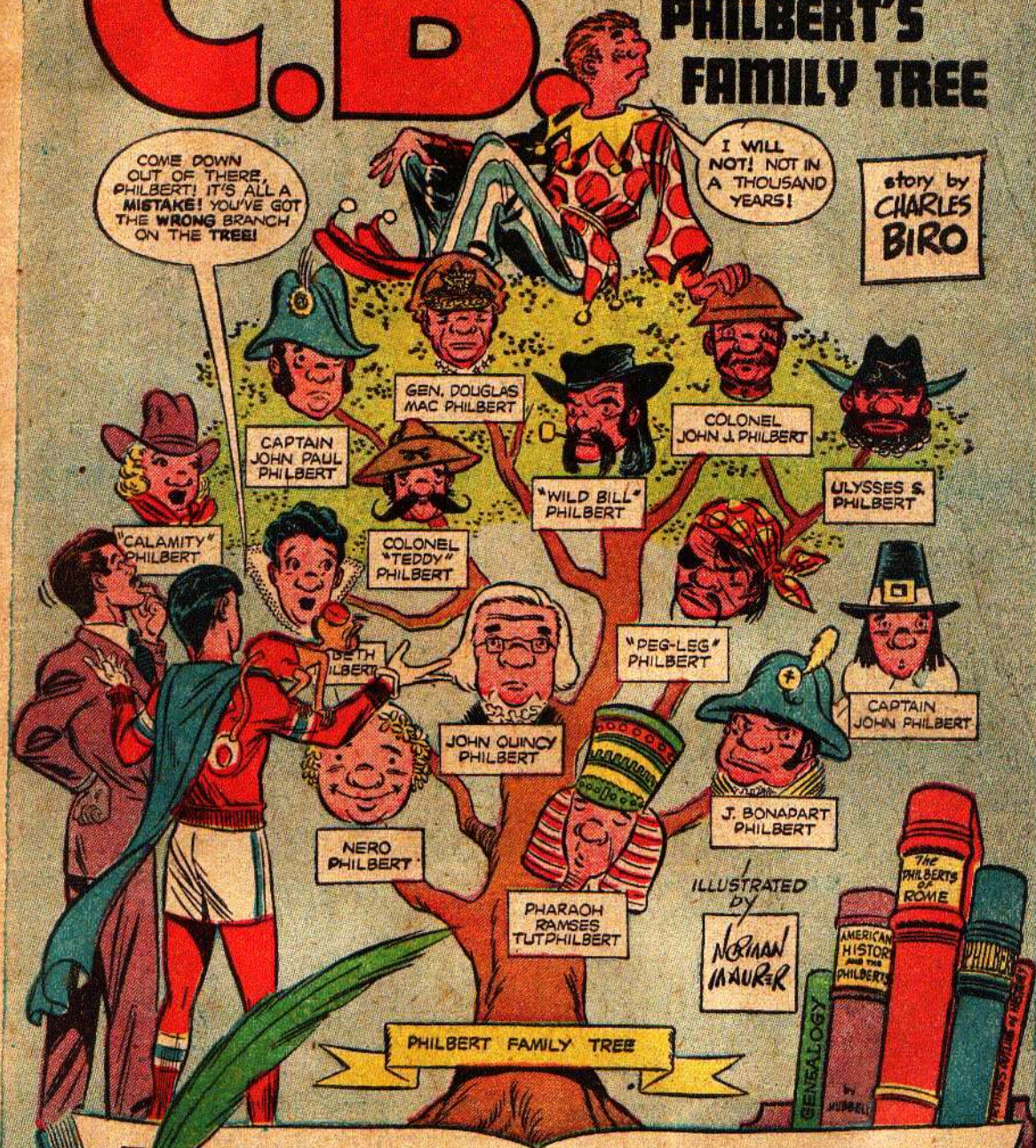
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AND THE FANTASTIC RIDDLE OF PHILBERT'S FAMILY TREE

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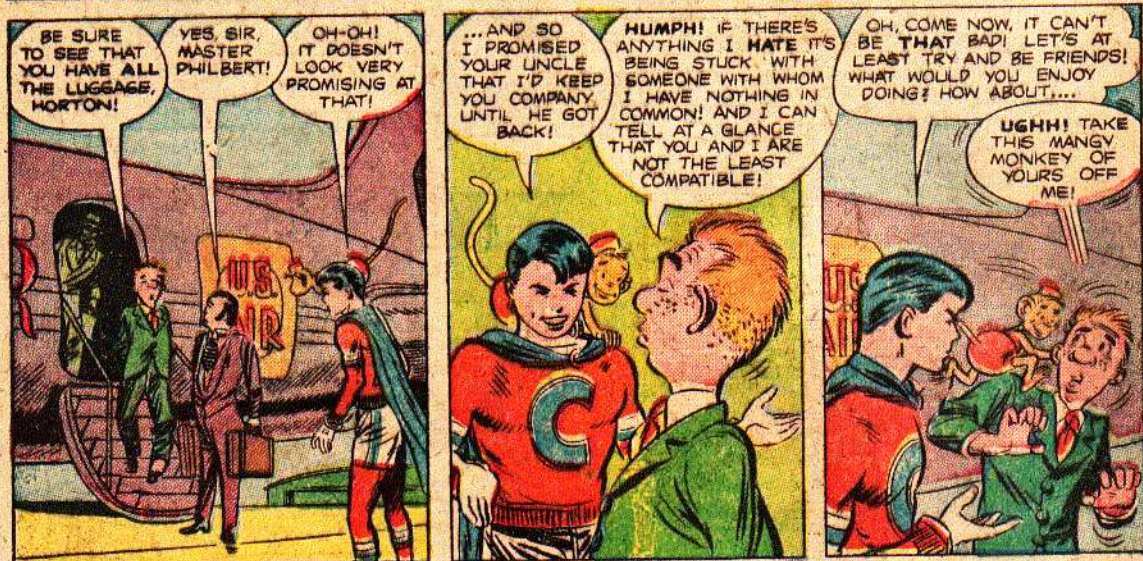
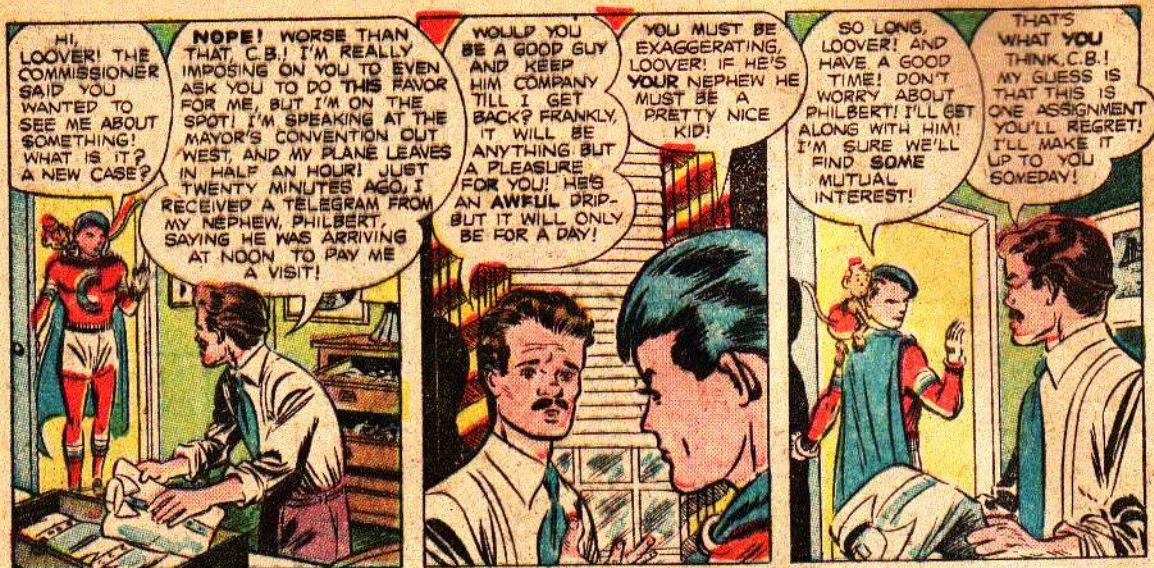
COME DOWN
OUT OF THERE,
PHILBERT! IT'S ALL A
MISTAKE! YOU'VE GOT
THE WRONG BRANCH
ON THE TREE!

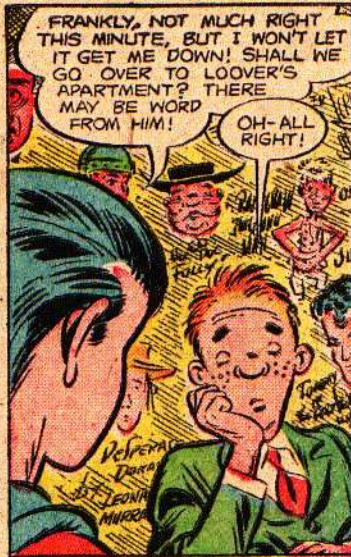
I WILL
NOT! NOT IN
A THOUSAND
YEARS!



THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN YOUR LIFE IS NOT WHAT YOUR FOREBEARS MADE OF THEMSELVES—BUT WHAT **YOU** MAKE OF **YOURSELF**! THIS IS THE STORY OF AN EGO-MANIAC WHO THOUGHT OTHERWISE! HE GIVES C.B. AND SQUEEKS A LOT OF HEADACHES—AND A LOT OF LAUGHS—IN THIS STORY OF WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A SQUARE STARTS CLIMBING THE BRANCHES OF HIS FAMILY TREE!

Charles Biro











HOW UNFORTUNATE! IT STILL DOESN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE! HE SHOULD BE REPLACED! I'M AN ARDENT REFORMER!

YOU'RE A PAIN IN THE NECK! STILL, THERE MUST BE A CHINK IN YOUR ARMOR SOMEWHERE, AND I'M GOING TO FIND IT! SKIP THE LETTERS-WE'RE GOING TO SEE THE TOWN!

HA-HA-HA!

WHAT'S SO FUNNY?

GOSH, THIS STRIP IS A HONEY TODAY! TAKE A LOOK!

I NEVER READ THE COMICS! IT'S NOTHING BUT LOWBROW HUMOR!

LOOK AT THAT COUPLE! I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING FUNNIER IN MY LIFE!

I SEE NOTHING HUMOROUS IN IT! DANCING IS A WASTE OF VALUABLE TIME!

AREN'T THEY CUTE AND FUNNY?

ANIMALS BORE ME!

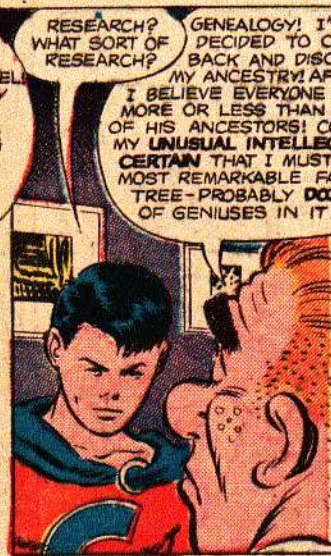


DO NOT FEED ANIMALS



JUST WHAT IS YOUR IDEA OF A GOOD TIME? WHAT WOULD YOU SUGGEST FOR TOMORROW'S ENTERTAINMENT?

THERE'S AN UNDERTAKER'S CONVENTION AT THE DOWNTOWN HOTEL. I'D RATHER ENJOY ATTENDING THAT! IN THE MEANTIME, TONIGHT I'M DOING SOME RESEARCH! I SENT HORTON, MY VALET, TO THE LIBRARY FOR SOME BOOKS!



RESEARCH? WHAT SORT OF RESEARCH?

GENEALOGY! I'VE DECIDED TO CHECK BACK AND DISCOVER MY ANCESTRY! AFTER ALL, I BELIEVE EVERYONE IS NOTHING MORE OR LESS THAN THE PRODUCT OF HIS ANCESTORS! CONSIDERING MY UNUSUAL INTELLECT, I FEEL CERTAIN THAT I MUST HAVE A MOST REMARKABLE FAMILY TREE-PROBABLY DOZENS OF GENIUSES IN IT!



I INTEND TO DISCOVER THE KEY TO THE SUCCESS OF MY ANCESTORS, AND USE IT AS THE BASIS FOR CHOOSING MY CAREER!

OF 'ALL THE CRAZY IDEAS ...



YOU WOULD THINK THAT-PROBABLY BECAUSE YOUR FAMILY TREE IS VERY COMMON AND ORDINARY!

OH, I GIVE UP! SO LONG-I'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW, AND GOOD LUCK ON YOUR FAMILY TREE! I HOPE YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED! COME ON, SQUEEKS!



THIS IS INTERESTING, SIR! ACCORDING TO THIS, YOUR GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-GREAT GRANDFATHER WAS A WYNDISTOCK, AND HE WAS RELATED ON HIS FATHER'S SIDE TO THE SNOBBINDORFS.

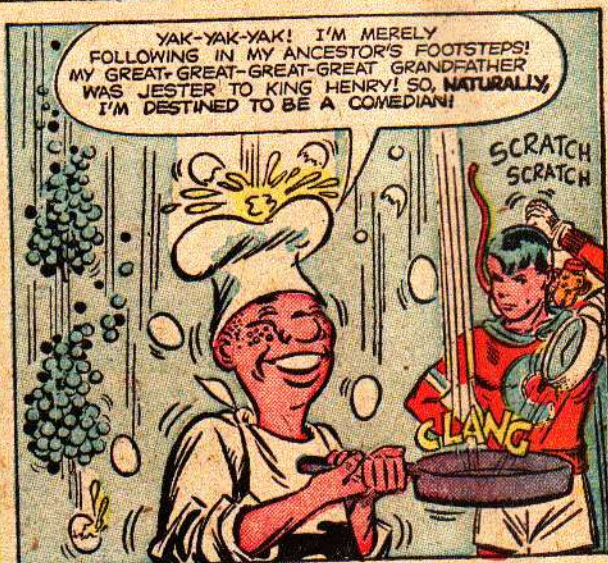
YES-YES, GO ON-WHAT WAS THE SNOBBINDORF'S PROFESSION?

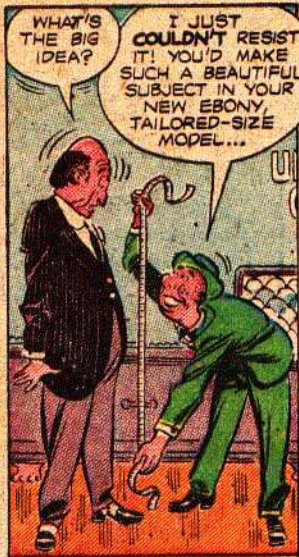
SNOBBINDORF WAS KING HENRY THE EIGHTH'S ROYAL JESTER! ACCORDING TO THIS BOOK, HE WAS THE OUTSTANDING JESTER IN ALL HISTORY!



HE WAS! GOOD HEAVENS-DO YOU REALIZE WHAT THIS MEANS?









SO LONG, C.B.!

BETTER WATCH OUT, FELLOWS! I HEAR THAT TWO SQUIRRELS ESCAPED FROM THE PARK!



SEE WHAT YOU DID FOR ACTING SO RUDE THE OTHER NIGHT? IF IT WEREN'T FOR THAT, YOU'D HAVE BEEN INVITED TONIGHT!

IT'S A SHAME THEY MISSED KNOWING THE NEW ME! HEY, THERE'S THE 'PHONE! IT'S PROBABLY FOR YOU! .



HI, C.B.! EVERYONE WANTS YOU AT THE PARTY SO MUCH THAT THEY'LL EVEN PUT UP WITH THAT NIMCOMPPOOP, PHILBERT! COME ALONG - LOOVER WIRED THAT HE'LL DROP IN ON HIS WAY FROM THE AIRPORT!

IN THAT CASE, OKAY!



PHILBERT! I MADE A MISTAKE! A TERRIBLE ERROR! YOU AREN'T DESCENDED FROM THE SNOBBINDORF WHO WAS KING HENRY'S JESTER! HE NEVER HAD ANY CHILDREN!

WHAT! THEN WHO WAS THE SNOBBINDORF IN MY FAMILY TREE?



YOU ARE DESCENDED FROM HIS BROTHER, DULLARD SNOBBINDORF, WHO WAS THE OFFICIAL STATE UNDERTAKER!

WHAT! I DON'T BELIEVE IT! I DON'T FEEL LIKE AN UNDERTAKER! I COULDN'T POSSIBLY BECOME ONE! I MUCH PREFER BEING A COMEDIAN!



BUT YOUR THEORY, SIR! IF YOU BELIEVE IN IT, YOU HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE! YOU MUST BECOME AN UNDERTAKER!

WHAT A PITY! MY THEORY WAS WRONG! UNDERTAKING'S NOT FOR ME! I'M MORE INCLINED TOWARD COMEDY! AND BESIDES, IT'S MUCH MORE FUN SEEIN' THE FUNNY SIDE OF LIFE! I'M DEFINITELY REFORMED!



MAY I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE? I WAS SO ANXIOUS TO GET TO THIS PARTY I WAS DOING SIXTY-AND I GOT OUT IN TWENTY ON GOOD BEHAVIOR! YAK-YAK-YAK!

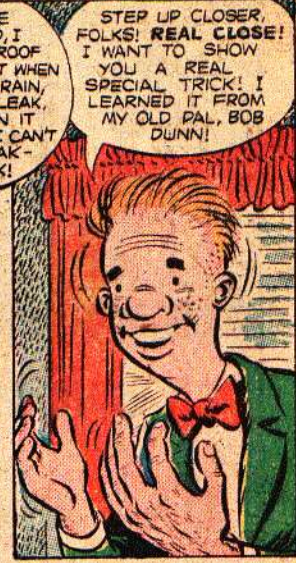


LAST TIME WE MET, I GAVE YOU A BAD TIME! NOW, YOU CAN GIVE IT BACK TO ME!



I MUST BE SEEING THINGS! THAT'S NOT PHILBERT!

I KNOW EXACTLY HOW YOU FEEL, LOOVER! DON'T ASK ME HOW IT HAPPENED!



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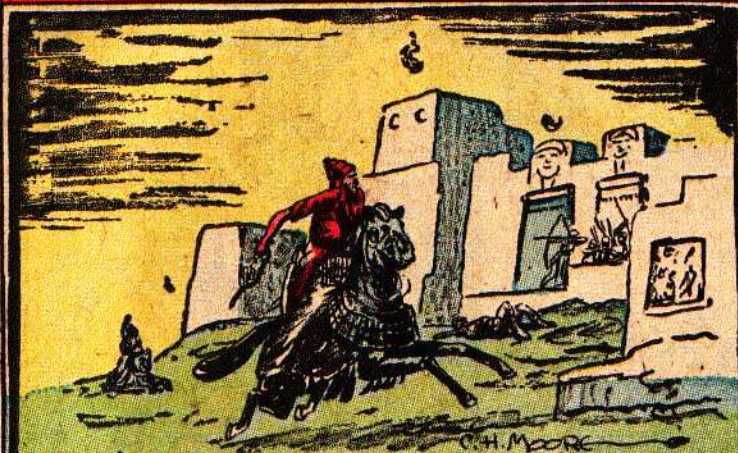
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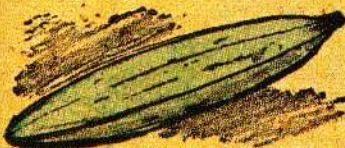


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C.B.

**BATTLES THE
MADDEST CRIMINAL OF
ALL TIME--THE APE!**

story
by
CHARLES BIRO

ADD INSANITY TO THE VICIOUS MACHINATIONS OF THE TWISTED CRIMINAL MIND--AND YOU HAVE CREATED A FRANKENSTEIN THAT IS ALMOST TOO EVIL TO COMPREHEND! "THE APE" IS JUST SUCH A MONSTER! HIS CAPTURE AND CONVICTION MEAN ONLY THE BEGINNING OF TROUBLE THAT IS CLIMAXED BY A LEAP FROM A SPEEDING PLANE--HOW DO C.B. AND SQUEEKS SURVIVE THIS DANGER-PACKED DEATH DIVE?

Charles Biro

ILLUSTRATED
BY
GRANDENETTI

WHO'LL
BE
FIRST TO
JUMP?

BUT...
YOU THREW
OUT THE EXTRA
PARACHUTES!
WE'LL ALL BE
KILLED!

IF I JUMP,
WILL YOU LET
THE OTHERS LIVE?
WHY KILL INNOCENT
PEOPLE?

HERE IS A MAN WHO HAS
BEEN MOVING STEP BY STEP TOWARD
MURDER OVER A PERIOD OF YEARS!
LISTEN TO HIS RECORD! ASSAULT--
ROBBERY--ARGON--BLACKMAIL...

...THE EVIDENCE AGAINST HIM IS
IRREFUTABLE! HE WAS CAUGHT AT
THE SCENE OF THE CRIME WITH A
KNIFE IN HIS HANDS AND HIS
CLOTHING SPATTERED WITH
BLOOD...

...HE IS A VICIOUS,
DANGEROUS CRIMINAL
WHO...

DUCK, LOOVER!

I'LL KILL YOU!
I'LL CRUSH EVERY
BONE IN YOUR
BODY!

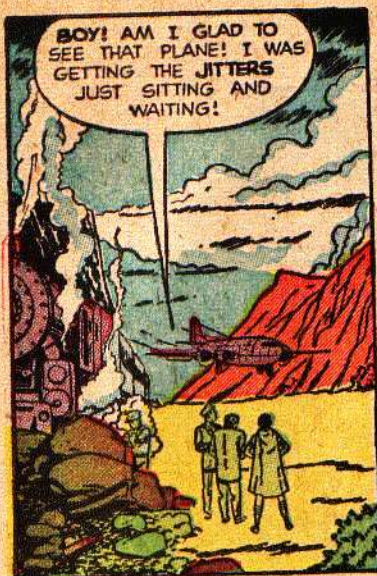
HANDCUFF
THIS DEVIL
TO THE
CHAIR!

LOOVER HAS THIS
CASE CINCHED, C.B.!
THE JURY WON'T EVEN
HAVE TO LEAVE THE
JURY BOX TO REVEAL
A GUILTY VERDICT!

HE'S ONE
OF THE
MOST
VICIOUS
MURDERERS
I'VE EVER
SEEN! HIS
NAME, "THE
APE", CERTAINLY
FITS HIM!







BOY! AM I GLAD TO SEE THAT PLANE! I WAS GETTING THE JITTERS JUST SITTING AND WAITING!



GOLLY, BOB, I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO BRING A PLANE COMPLETE WITH A HOSTESS!

"PERFECT SERVICE" - THAT'S OUR MOTTO!



THERE! THAT OUGHT TO KEEP HIM UNDER CONTROL - AND I'LL BE SITTING JUST ACROSS THE AISLE AS AN EXTRA PRE-CAUTION!

THE TRIP WOULD BE FUN IF IT WEREN'T FOR THAT AWFUL MAN! JUST LOOKING AT HIM SCARES ME!



WOULD ANY OF YOU CARE FOR SOME HOT COFFEE?

YEAH, I'D LIKE A CUP! OKAY WITH YOU, CHUM?

SURE - GO AHEAD!



SWOOSH!



HELP! HE'S...



STAY WHERE YOU ARE! ONE STEP TOWARD ME AND THIS GETS A LOAD OF LEAD! AS FOR YOU, DUGAN, GET OUT THE KEYS FOR THESE CUFFS WITH YOUR FREE HAND AND UNLOCK THEM!

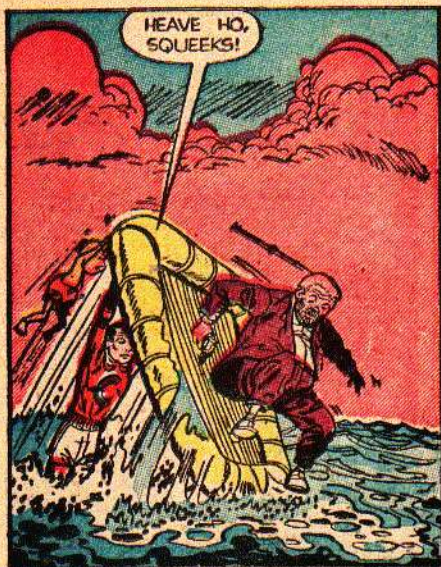
DO AS HE SAYS, DUGAN!

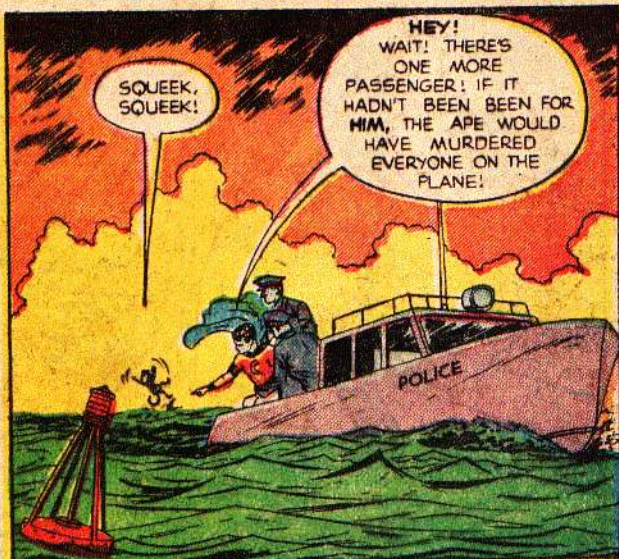
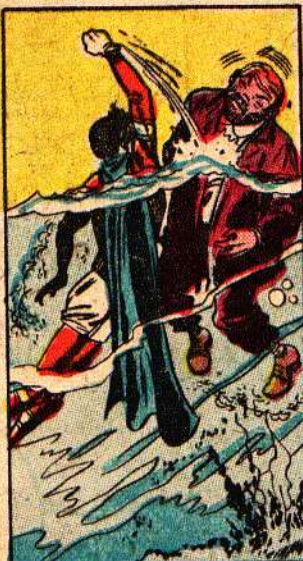






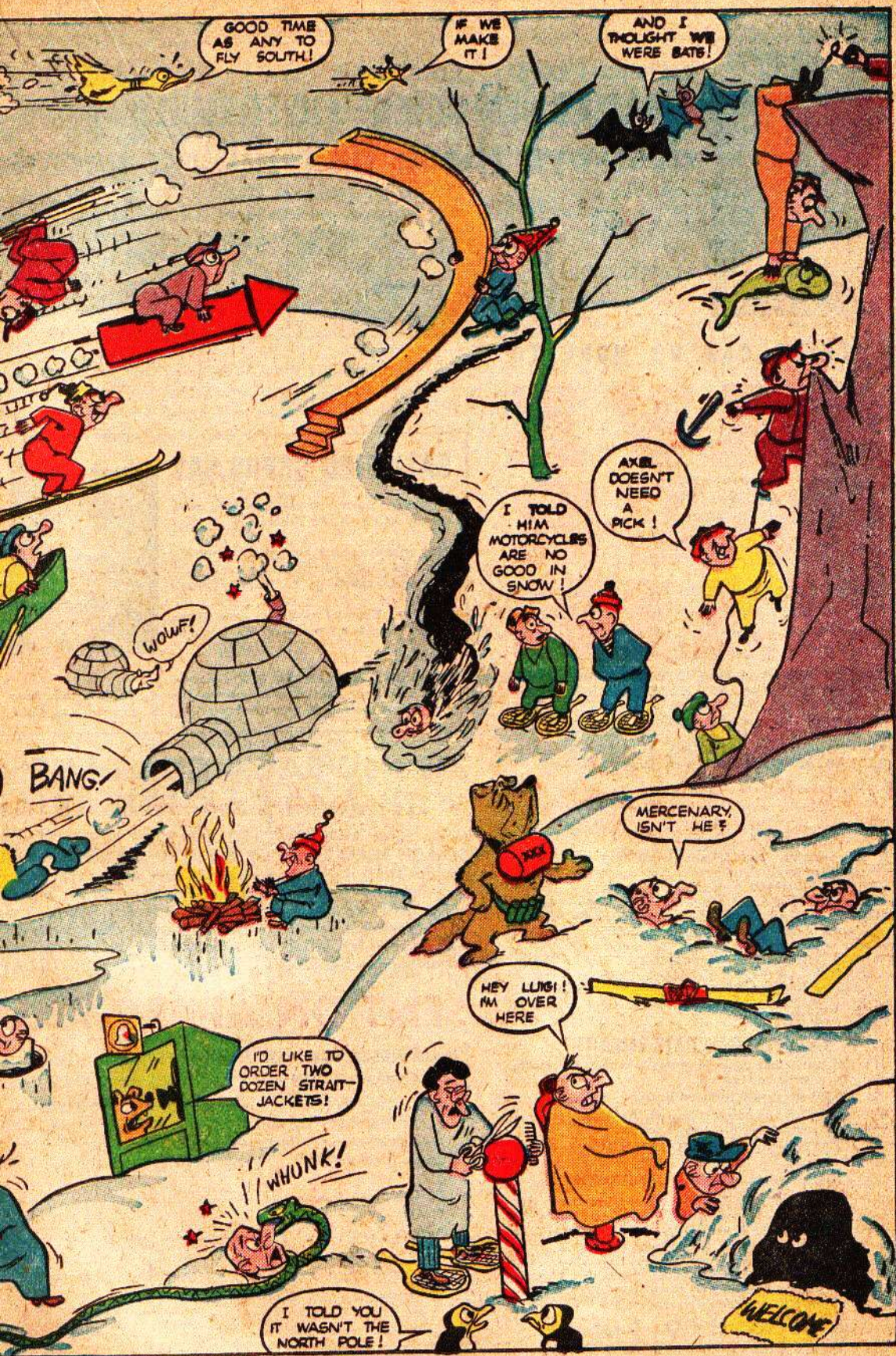






WINTER BLUNDERLAND





GOOD TIME AS ANY TO FLY SOUTH!

IF WE MAKE IT!

AND I THOUGHT WE WERE BATS!

I TOLD HIM MOTORCYCLES ARE NO GOOD IN SNOW!

AXEL DOESN'T NEED A PICK!

MERCENARY, ISN'T HE?

HEY LUNG! I'M OVER HERE

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THIS IS YOUR PAGE

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

Dear Reader

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CHARLES BIRO and BOB WOOD, Editors

I must congratulate you on the fine credit your publication gives to the "busy-beaver" detectives and officers of the U.S. Not only do you teach us that crime does not pay, but you go one step further and make an interesting and well-balanced comic. I'll be C.B.-ing you!

Danny Mowles
349 Academy St.
Salem, Va.

My brother and I like **BOY** better than any other comic. I especially like Squeeks. The only fault I find with **BOY** is that it only comes out once a month, instead of every week.

S.V.
Rome Road
Adairsville, Ga.

I am a corpsman in the United States Naval Hospital, and you can always find a copy of **BOY COMICS** in the wards. These books rate first with the patients, and they scramble for the books when they reach the ward. Keep those issues coming and you'll be keeping all the fellows happy.

Arthur W. Sawyer, Jr. HN
U. S. Naval Hospital Staff
Newport, R. I.

Last summer when I was at the beach, I had just come out of the water, and I wanted to read. I happened to find a **BOY** comic, and I started to read one of the stories aloud. Before I knew it, everyone on the beach was listening, and when someone mentioned going back in the water, everyone was so interested in the comic that they didn't continue swimming. I guess it just proves that no matter where you are, at the beach or at home, everyone likes **BOY COMICS**.

D. Mele
117 Hamilton St.
New Haven, Conn.

One of the first things I did when I moved from England to Canada was to buy the comics which you publish. I think it would be a good idea to publish an extra thick comic with 400 or 500 pages divided equally into stories of **CRIME DOES NOT PAY**, **DAREDEVIL** and **BOY**. Many ardent readers would treasure it for years.

Robert Slater
499 Hopewell Ave.
Toronto 10, Ont., Canada

I have never read such wonderful comics as **BOY** and **CRIME DOES NOT PAY**. I used to think that I could work out the perfect crime. Since I have been reading these comics I have learned that there is no such thing as a perfect crime. Keep up the good work.

D. A. S.
229-05 139 Ave.
Laurelton, N. Y.

We are fans of your comics and enjoy every issue. We are girls of ten and twelve, but think your comics are good for boys and girls alike at all ages. The stories of C.B. are educational and exciting to read. We have just finished the February issue and thought the story about the twins was well written.

Bernetta Lundstedt and Joy Dunlap
517 So. Phillips
Salina, Kans.

BOY COMICS is my favorite comic book. I buy it every time I find a new one. My dad reads it when he comes home from work, and he says that it shows that crime does not pay. I think it would be a good idea to have **Crimebuster** on the radio.

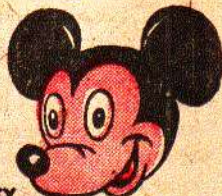
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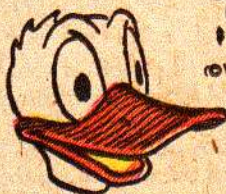
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OVER THE
HEAD LIKE
A DIVER'S
HELMET

NOW WATCH ME HAVE
SOME FUN WITH THE
GANG TONIGHT AT
THE MASQUERADE



THE MYSTERY
"DEVIL" MAN
SURE HAS THE
GIRLS ALL AGOG

WHO IS HE
AND WHERE
DID HE GET
THAT MASK?

BOY! WOULD
I HAVE FUN
WITH THAT
DEVIL'S FACE

YOU'RE
FUNNIER
WITH YOUR
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PEE WEE *TAKES* THE COUNT!

"BOY! What a fighter that Jig Maloney is!" Pee Wee said admiringly, as he stopped outside the theater marquee to spar a bit with the blazing poster that advertised films of the new heavyweight champ's most recent fight. "Look at me! Scarecrow, look at me! I'm fightin' Big Jig Maloney!"

"Sure," laughed Scarecrow, "and you're beating him, too—as long as you stick to fighting the *paper* one. You don't have to guess what would happen if you met the *real* one, do you?"

Pee Wee stopped his shadow-boxing and he and Scarecrow walked on. "Gee," said Pee Wee hopefully, "I'd like to learn how to box! I wish Jig Maloney was my dad! He could teach me everything about it, and then being little wouldn't be so bad. I could lick people *twice* my size. If I *had* to, of course. I wouldn't go around just picking on people for a fight. But it sure would be fun to know all the tricks *he* knows!"

"We start boxing in school next year," replied Scarecrow. "We can learn something about it then. And then the Boy's Club has a boxing instructor."

"Yeah, but that's not the real thing." Pee Wee said disgustedly. "That's not like—Ow! What hit me?" He looked up at Scarecrow. "Did you do that? Hit my cheek?"

"No!" said Scarecrow indignantly. "You're dreaming things. It's probably your imagination. You're imagining a prize—Hey! Don't *kick* me!"

"I didn't!" said Pee Wee. "So it's imagination, huh? Well, how do *you* like it? What gives here, anyway? Hey! Look, Scarecrow! Over there! A kid just ducked over that high fence. He's got a bean-shooter! Let's get him!"

The two boys started off at a run. They clambered over the high wood fence just in time to see their assailant, a slender boy with glasses, disappearing around the corner of an apartment building. By the time they got there, he had disappeared.

"Aw! He probably went into one of those apartments. We'll never find him, Pee Wee." Scarecrow turned disgustedly away.

"Wait a minute!" said Pee Wee. "If he lives in one of those apartments, there's just a chance he might look out and see if we're chasing him. Let's hang around a minute."

The two boys sauntered casually in front of the apartments. All was quiet in the empty street. Suddenly

"Oh! My cheek!" cried Pee Wee. "There he is! That kid with that sissy suit in the second

story hall window. Watch out, Scarecrow. He's firing again. You take this entrance and I'll take that one. Maybe we can corner him!"

The boys started toward the apartment building, and the figure in the window disappeared. Pee Wee panted up the stairs after him. As he came to the head of the first flight, he heard footsteps on the flight above, and doubled his efforts to catch up. The third floor, fourth floor, and finally the fifth and top floor. He found his quarry trying frantically to open the door to the roof, but it was locked. Both boys were so exhausted from the chase they could hardly speak.

"Wh-what's the (puff-puff) big idea?" panted Pee Wee.

"I-I'm just hav-having fun!" protested the other.

"Fun! Yeah, from behind a fence!" sneered Pee Wee. "You're *scared* to come out and do something like that in the open. Just a scaredy-cat, that's all *you* are!"

"I am *not*!" The be-spectacled boy backed into a corner. "It was just a joke!"

"Well, it's a corny kind of a joke," retorted Pee Wee, "picking on people from behind fences. Only a sissy would do that!"

"You take that back," shouted the other, and as he backed up even further, he tripped on a door stop. His arm flailed out in an attempt to keep his balance. Pee Wee, who didn't realize that the other boy had tripped, caught the blow on his chin. It made him stagger for a moment, then . . .

"So you want to fight, huh!" he shouted, and with that he lit into him, arms swinging like windmills.

"No! I-I . . ." but Pee Wee was too busy to listen. For a minute, he had the advantage, then, surprisingly, the boy seemed to pull himself together. As soon as he had recovered his balance, he began to parry and duck, placing his blows carefully and well. Pee Wee realized he'd taken on more than he could cope with, but he carried on gamely. It was a losing fight.

"Gee, (puff-puff) I don't want to *hurt* y-you," panted the boy. With a quick movement, he grabbed Pee Wee's wrist, flipped him over, and plopped him on the floor. Just as Pee Wee realized the fight was lost, Scarecrow came panting up the stairs, rounded the corner, and saw what was going on. In a minute he was pulling at the winner's collar, trying to get him off Pee Wee. His superior size and strength changed the odds. The other boy dangled helplessly in Scarecrow's grasp.

"Let him go, Scarecrow!" said Pee Wee, getting up off the floor and brushing off his clothes. He looked at the new boy with admiration. "He won the fight fair and square. And two against one isn't fair."

"Are you sure he didn't hurt you?" Scarecrow said skeptically. He released the bespectacled boy reluctantly.

"No, he didn't," replied Pee Wee, "and what's more, he could have if he'd wanted to. Gee, you sure know how to fight! Let's be friends! My name's Pee Wee and this is Scarecrow."

"I'm Lester Maloney," said the other, grinning as he held out his hand to the others. Gee, I hope you're all right. I didn't want to fight, but I didn't know what else to do. I'm sorry about the bean shooter. It sure was fun, though—you both looked so surprised! Come on home with me and we'll all have a coke."

The three boys started down the stairs together. "Where did you learn to fight, Lester?" asked Pee Wee. "Boy, you must really love it to be such an expert. I've never seen anybody that good but a professional. But I wish I hadn't found it out the hard way," he added ruefully, rubbing his chin.

"I don't like to fight at all," Lester answered. "I *bate* it. I'd much rather do *anything* but box, but my dad wants me to know how and I do it to please him." He opened the door of the apartment and the three went into the kitchen. After Lester had provided cokes for the three, he said, "If you like boxing so much, Pee Wee, how about coming in to see our gymnasium?"

"Golly! A real gymnasium in your home!" exclaimed Pee Wee. "Wait a minute! I get it! Lester Maloney! A gymnasium! Your dad isn't—isn't *Jig Maloney*!"

"Yep!" replied Lester. "I hoped you wouldn't find out. Dad's a wonderful guy, but-but I guess I sort of wish he was like other fathers. You know, a business man, or a teacher, or something dignified."

"Being heavy-weight champion is dignified enough for *me*!" said Scarecrow. "To think you don't like to box—and when you have the most famous teacher in the world, too!"

Lester gave a feeble swing at a punching bag. "You can have it! Of course, I wouldn't tell Dad. It would hurt his feelings too much. But I'd much rather spend my time reading, or—I guess it *does* sound like a sissy, but I—I like music a lot. I just *love* it. Every hour I spend boxing is just so much time lost for practicing the piano. And then, too, I worry about hurting my hands. Hands are awfully important to a pianist. I'd rather be a pianist than *Ulp!*" Lester suddenly turned white as a sheet and stared at the doorway. "Uh, D-Dad! Hi! I—I was just talking to my new friends. I—uh, this is Pee Wee and Scarecrow!"

Big Jig Maloney, all 250 pounds of him, stood

in the doorway. Pee Wee and Scarecrow gaped in admiration. Jig Maloney! And to think they were meeting him in person. But the fighter had no eyes for his two admirers. He was looking at his son.

"Les," he said slowly, "I didn't know you felt that way. I thought . . ."

"Oh, dad," Lester came forward, "I didn't mean it *that* way! I *love* boxing! Really I do!"

"You can't kid me, Les," replied Big Jig. "Don't worry. It's okay. I guess I just got carried away. I love boxing so much I take it for granted everybody does—especially boys. Well, I guess we'll skip the lesson for today. Buck up, kid! It's a good thing I found out how you feel." With that, he turned and started out the door. He didn't hear Pee Wee chasing after him, and he turned only after Pee Wee tugged at his coattails.

"Hey, wait, Mr. Maloney!" he cried. "I—that is, we—well, I know this is awfully nervy, but do you think that *we* could take Lester's place? Gee, I'd *love* to know how to box. So would Scarecrow—and Jock and Curly. Then Lester could practice all he wanted to, and—and you could teach us." The fighter turned and looked down at Pee Wee, who suddenly realized how brash he had been. "I'm sorry. I shouldn't have asked. I just thought . . ."

"You just thought you could take the place of my son," Big Jig replied. "You just thought you could pick up some boxing lessons. Well, do you know, I think you thought about right. When do you want to start?" And he smiled at the two boys.

"Gee! Golly! Oh, wait till I tell Jock and Curly," whooped Pee Wee. "*Real boxing lessons*—and with *Jig Maloney* teaching us!"

The fighter came over and felt Pee Wee's muscle. "This other fellow will do all right, but

Pee Wee's face fell. "You're not going to cut me out of it—just because I'm sort of small, are you?"

"I'm afraid I'll have to, Pee Wee," said the fighter sternly, "unless you can think up a new class for yourself. You're not even eligible for feather weight!"

"Oh, that's okay, Mr. Maloney," Pee Wee replied. "Until I get a little bigger, I'll just fight 'Pee Wee-weight.'"

"'Pee Wee-weight' it is," grinned Big Jig, and the boys started back into the gymnasium. "And for the time being, that automatically makes you champion of your class. Okay, champion, put up your mitts! Lester, go practice the piano! I've got a championship to defend."

Scarecrow looked on, awed. "Golly, from sparring a poster to sparring the real person in just one hour! At this rate, Pee Wee, you'll be world champ in two lessons!"

THE END

NOW!
IN COLOR!

Slinky WALKING SPRING FUN TOY

WATCH IT
ZIP!

OBOY! IT
FEELS ALIVE.

SOME FUN

GEE WHIZ,
ALL THE
KIDS HAVE
SLINKIES
BUT ME.

MY
SLINKY
SURE IS
FAST!

MINE WON
LAST TIME.

LOOK AT MY
SLINKY GO!

GOLLY, A
SLINKY RACE
IS SWELL FUN.
I'LL ASK DAD
TO GET ME
ONE.

DAD,
PLEASE
ORDER A
SLINKY
FOR ME
TODAY.

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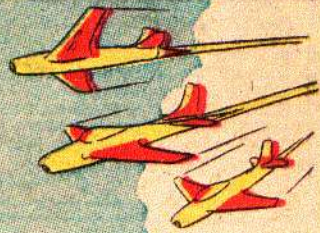
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C.B.

**MEETS THE
MEANEST MAN
IN TOWN**

story by
**CHARLES
BIRO**

YOU
KILLED HIM!
YOU KILLED MY
SON! SO NOW
I'M GOING TO
KILL YOU!

NO! NO!
I DIDN'T MEAN
TO—I—HELP!

HOLD
BACK TO
THE LAST
SECOND! WE
MUST HAVE PROOF
THAT WILL
STAND UP IN
COURT!

ILLUSTRATED BY
**BART
TUMEY**

"GOOD NEIGHBOR" IS A TERM THAT SWINGS A LOT OF WEIGHT IN AMERICAN LIFE! IN ITS LARGEST SENSE, IT'S THE POLICY BY WHICH WE ARE CREATING A MUTUALLY COOPERATIVE WORLD—BUT IT HAS ITS BEGINNINGS IN OUR OWN BACKYARDS! IT MEANS FAIR PLAY, HONESTY, GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP, WHETHER BETWEEN TWO NATIONS—OR TWO INDIVIDUALS! ONE BAD NEIGHBOR, LIKE HARRY BOYD IN THIS TRUE-TO-LIFE STORY, CAN WRECK MORE HAVOC THAN AN ATOM BOMB! CAN C.B. AND SQUEEKS THWART THIS CONNING SNOB FROM RUINING HIS INNOCENT NEIGHBOR?

Charles Biro

THE POLICE REPORT
SAID THEY WERE
BRINGING IN THE
TWO MEN AS SOON
AS THE AMBULANCE
ARRIVED! IF THEY'RE
NOT HERE YET,
THEY WILL BE
SOON!

I HEAR A
SIREN! HERE
COMES THE
AMBULANCE
NOW!

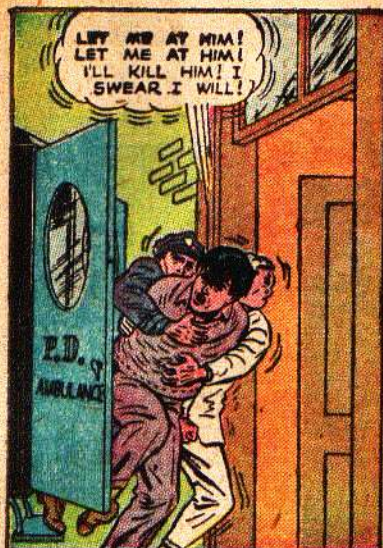
GREAT GUNS!
NO ONE COULD
HAVE BEATEN A
GUY UP LIKE
THIS JUST WITH
HIS BARE
FISTS!

I SAW IT WITH
MY OWN EYES.
MR. LOOVER!
IT TOOK FIVE OF
US TO STOP THAT
ELLIS GUY! HE
WAS OUT TO KILL
THIS FELLOW,
BOYD!

WHAT ABOUT
ELLIS? IS HE IN
AS BAD SHAPE
AS THIS
ONE?

HE WENT
COMPLETELY OUT
OF HIS MIND, SIR!
WE HAVE HIM IN
A STRAIT-JACKET!
HERE HE COMES
NOW!







LET ME OUT OF HERE! LET ME OUT!

TAKE IT EASY, ELLIS! YOU HAVEN'T A CHANCE AS LONG AS YOU ACT LIKE THAT! BESIDES, YOUR WIFE IS ON HER WAY DOWN HERE! DO YOU WANT HER TO SEE YOU IN THIS CONDITION?



MY WIFE? NO! DON'T LET HER IN HERE! DON'T LET HER SEE ME!

VERY WELL—ONLY SUPPOSE YOU TELL US THE WHOLE STORY! MR. BOYD CLAIMS YOU MADE AN UNPROVOKED ATTACK ON HIM!



WHAT! THE LYING DEVIL! I HAD PLENTY OF CAUSE FOR WHAT I DID! HE'S AN INHUMAN MONSTER! A MURDERER! LET ME TELL YOU THE WHOLE STORY!

I FIRST MET HARRY BOYD WHEN I STARTED TO WORK FOR CITY ELECTRIC COMPANY! BOYD WAS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE EAST CITY DIVISION AND I HELD A MINOR EXECUTIVE POSITION UNDER HIM!



MR. BOYD, THIS IS DAVE ELLIS! HE'S OUR NEW MANAGER OF THE APPLIANCE SALES DIVISION!

GLAD TO MEET YOU, ELLIS! I HOPE YOU'LL DO A BETTER JOB THAN THE MAN YOU'RE REPLACING!

I ENJOYED MY NEW POSITION AND GOT ALONG WITH EVERYONE IN THE DEPARTMENT—EXCEPT BOYD! HE SEEMED TO RESENT ME!



GOOD NEWS, MR. BOYD! MY DEPARTMENT'S QUOTA IS UP TEN PER CENT!

HUH! ONLY TEN PER CENT! IF YOU CRACKED DOWN ON YOUR STAFF INSTEAD OF FRATERNIZING WITH THEM, YOU'D DO BETTER THAN THAT!



JOE, YOU'RE A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE! TELL ME THE TRUTH! HAVE I DONE ANYTHING TO OFFEND MR. BOYD? SOMEHOW, I FEEL HE DOESN'T LIKE ME!

YOU'RE OKAY, MR. ELLIS! IT'S BOYD!

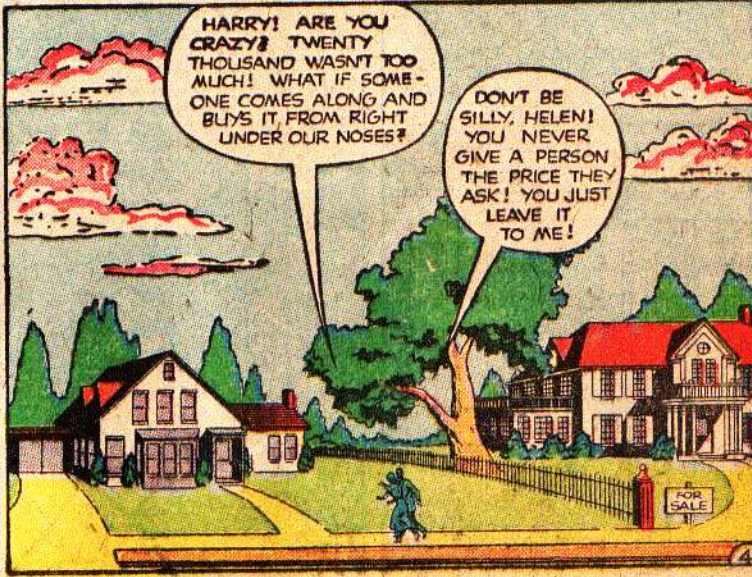
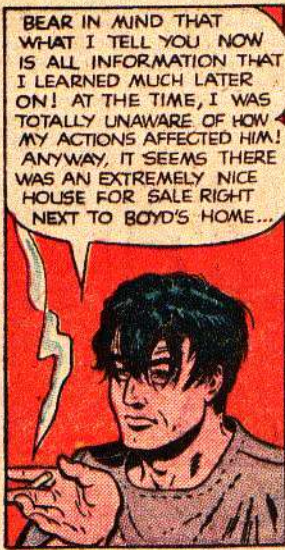


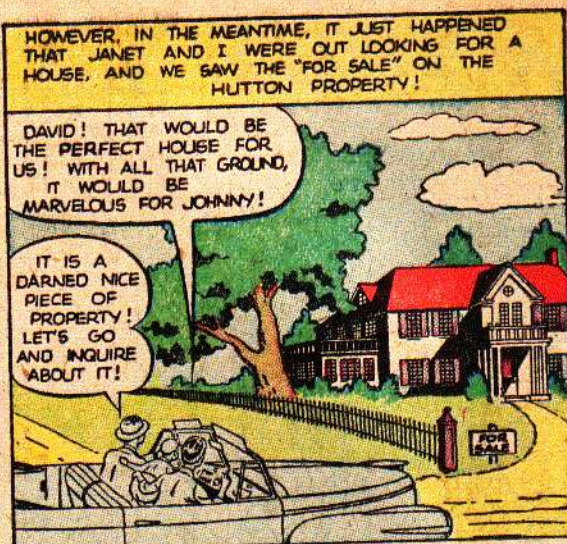
FIRST OF ALL, HE'S JEALOUS OF YOU BECAUSE YOU HAVE THE KNACK OF MAKING FRIENDS WITH EVERYONE IN THE COMPANY! HE'S BEEN HERE LONGER, AND HAS A BETTER JOB, BUT YOU'RE MORE POPULAR!

HM—THAT MIGHT ACCOUNT FOR HIS CRACK ABOUT MY "FRATERNIZING" WITH THE MEN!

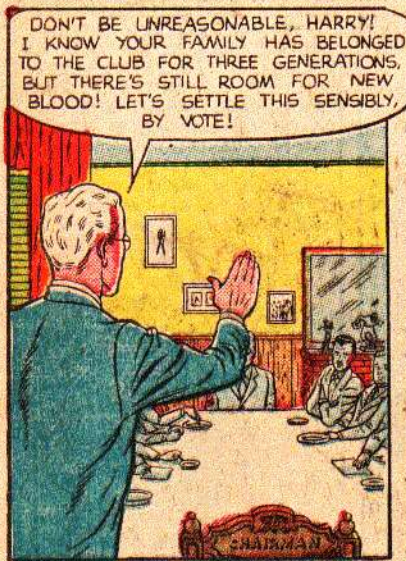


HE'S AN AWFUL SNOB! HE RESENTS SEEING ANYONE SUCCEED WHO IS A SELF-MADE MAN! HE GOT INTO HIS CLISHY JOB THROUGH PULL! HE'S SCARED OF SELF-MADE MEN BECAUSE HE KNOWS THEY DESERVE THEIR POSITIONS WHILE HE GOT HIS BY LUCK! SOMEDAY YOU MIGHT SHOW HIM UP!











I'M SO SORRY YOU HAD SUCH A BAD DAY AT THE OFFICE, DEAR! HERE'S SOMETHING THAT MAY CHEER YOU UP! I'VE BEEN TELLING JOHNNY ALL ABOUT OUR JOINING THE COUNTRY CLUB, AND HOW HE CAN GO SWIMMING AND LEARN TO PLAY GOLF!



WHAT IS IT? WHY DO YOU LOOK LIKE THAT?

WE--THEY'VE REJECTED US! THEY DON'T WANT US! IT'S THAT TROUBLE-MAKER, BOYD! HE'S BEHIND THIS! I'M SURE HE IS!



I HAD TO COME AND EXPLAIN TO YOU ABOUT THE MEMBERSHIP TO THE COUNTRY CLUB!



...AND SO, I WAS THE ONE WHO CAST THE SECOND VOTE AGAINST YOU! I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO REST SINCE! I'M GOING TO WITHDRAW MY VOTE EVEN THOUGH IT DOES MEAN LOSING MY JOB!

NO! I WOULDN'T THINK OF IT! ONLY THIS JUST CONFIRMS WHAT I THOUGHT! TOMORROW I MUST HAVE THIS OUT WITH BOYD!



DADDY! MOMMY! THAT MAN NEXT DOOR IS SAWING DOWN THE BIG BRANCH FROM OUR TREE! HONEST, HE IS!

HE MUST MEAN BOYD!



BOYD! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING? IF YOU CUT OFF THAT LIMB, YOU'LL SURELY KILL THE WHOLE TREE! STOP IT!

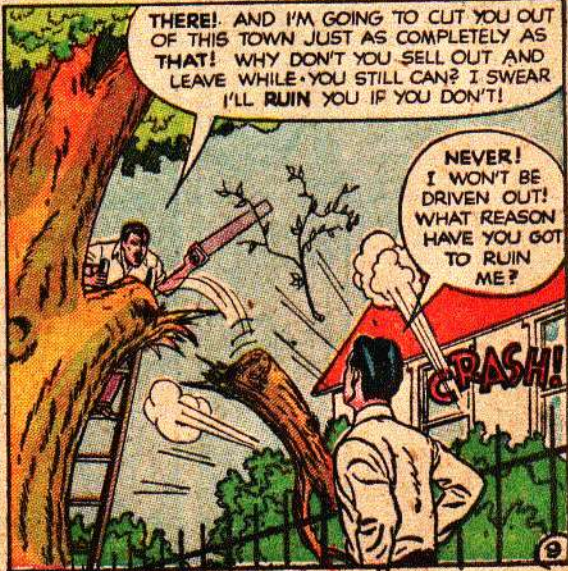


YOU KNOW THAT'S JUST AN EXCUSE! YOU'RE REALLY DOING IT OUT OF SPITE! WHAT'S WRONG? CAN'T WE SETTLE THIS PEACEFULLY? I WANT TO BE FRIENDS, BUT YOU'VE GONE OUT OF YOUR WAY TO HURT ME!



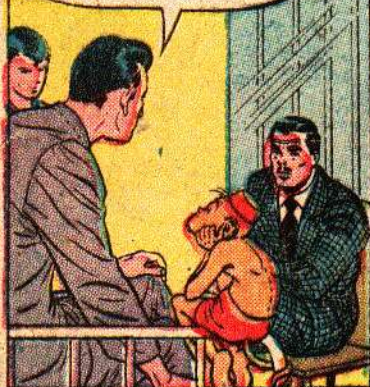
THERE! AND I'M GOING TO CUT YOU OUT OF THIS TOWN JUST AS COMPLETELY AS THAT! WHY DON'T YOU SELL OUT AND LEAVE WHILE YOU STILL CAN? I SWEAR I'LL RUIN YOU IF YOU DON'T!

NEVER! I WON'T BE DRIVEN OUT! WHAT REASON HAVE YOU GOT TO RUIN ME?





IT WAS TERRIFYING! NIGHT AFTER NIGHT I SAT UP WITH HIM—AND THEN DURING THE DAY I WENT TO WORK! BUT I COULDN'T THINK OF ANYTHING BUT JOHNNY! I TRIED TO ARRANGE TO HAVE MY VACATION, BUT...



I'M UNDER SUCH A STRAIN BECAUSE OF HAVING TO CARE FOR JOHNNY IN THE EVENINGS! I KNOW MY WORK IS SUFFERING BECAUSE OF IT! COULDN'T I TAKE MY VACATION TIME NOW AND...



VACATION TIME! RIDICULOUS! WHY, YOU HAVEN'T EVEN BEEN HERE SIX MONTHS YET!

PLEASE! CAN'T WE FORGET OUR PERSONAL GRUDGES RIGHT NOW? YOU KNOW I WOULDN'T COME TO YOU WITH THIS REQUEST IF I WEREN'T DESPERATE!



PERSONAL TROUBLES HAVE NO PLACE IN THE BUSINESS WORLD! I CAN'T ALLOW YOU A VACATION YOU AREN'T YET ENTITLED TO!

HEY, MR. ELLIS! MR. PARKER, THE BIG BOSS, WANTS TO SEE YOU!



I'M SORRY, ELLIS, BUT WE HAVE TO LET YOU GO! YOUR RECORD OVER THE PAST MONTH HAS BEEN SO BAD, WE HAVE NO CHOICE! YOUR PAY CHECK, INCLUDING SEVERANCE PAY, IS AT THE CASHIER'S DESK!

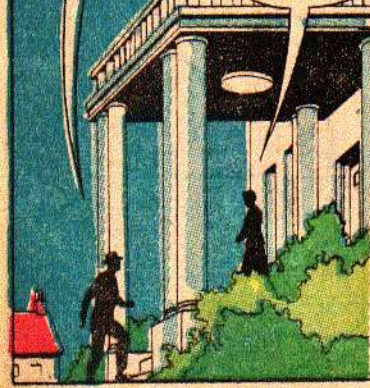


YOU WON THIS ROUND, BOYD, BUT YOU'RE NOT DRIVING ME OUT OF TOWN!



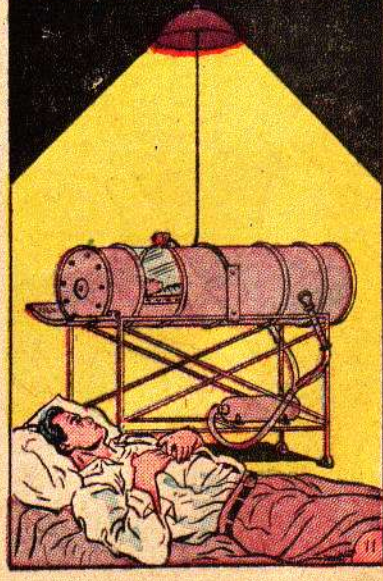
BAD NEWS, JANET! I LOST MY JOB! I'M SURE BOYD HAD A HAND IN IT, BUT I WAS TOO TIRED AND WORN-OUT TO ARGUE! HOW'S JOHNNY?

THE DOCTOR SAYS HE'S IMPROVING! IF EVERYTHING GOES SMOOTHLY FOR ANOTHER FEW WEEKS, HE MAY RECOVER!



YOU GET SOME REST, JANET! I'LL SIT UP WITH HIM!

ALL RIGHT! BUT YOU LIE ON THE COT! THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO SIT UP! IF HE CALLS OUT, YOU'LL HEAR HIM!







THE REST, YOU KNOW! I WENT OVER, BUT THE POLICE CAME BEFORE I COULD FINISH THE JOB! I SWEAR I NEVER WILL REST UNTIL I AVENGE JOHNNY'S DEATH!

A CALL FOR YOU, MR. LOOVER! I'LL PLUG THE PHONE IN HERE!



WHAT? WHAT? HE DID? WELL, YES, I'LL TELL HIM!



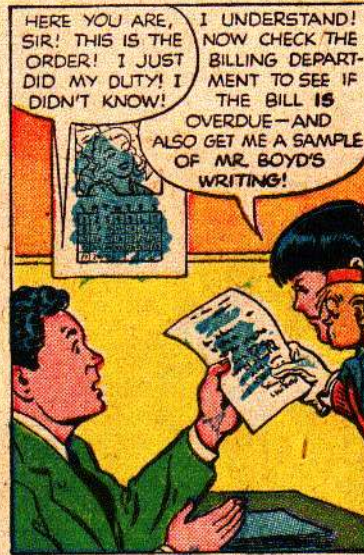
I HAVE GOOD NEWS FOR YOU, ELLIS! JOHNNY IS ALL RIGHT! HE'S GOING TO LIVE! THE DOCTOR GOT THERE IN TIME AND CALLED THE EMERGENCY SERVICE OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT!

JOHNNY? ALIVE? I—I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!



THAT STILL DOESN'T TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING! BOYD IS OUT TO GET YOU YET, BUT WE CAN TURN THE TABLES ON HIM IF WE CAN ONLY PROVE HE DELIBERATELY HAD YOUR SERVICE CUT OFF!

I'LL GO RIGHT DOWN TO CITY ELECTRIC AND GET THAT ORDER!



HERE YOU ARE, SIR! THIS IS THE ORDER! I JUST DID MY DUTY! I DIDN'T KNOW!

I UNDERSTAND! NOW CHECK THE BILLING DEPARTMENT TO SEE IF THE BILL IS OVERDUE—AND ALSO GET ME A SAMPLE OF MR. BOYD'S WRITING!



THIS WHOLE THING IS A TERRIBLE MISTAKE, SIR! THAT BILL WAS PAID SEVERAL WEEKS AGO! THE ACCOUNT NEVER HAS BEEN DELINQUENT! HERE IS A LETTER FROM MR. BOYD'S DESK!



HMM...A HANDWRITING EXPERT COULD PROVE THIS WAS BOYD'S, BUT MORE SUBSTANTIAL PROOF WOULD HELP A LOT!



THE WRITING ON THE ORDER WAS DISGUISED! EVEN THOUGH IT MIGHT BE ACCEPTED IN COURT AS EVIDENCE, IT WOULD MEAN A LOT OF TECHNICAL RED TAPE BEFORE WE COULD PROVE IT WAS BOYD'S! I HAVE A BETTER PLAN—ONE THAT MAY GET A CONFESSION OUT OF BOYD!



BOYD'S IN THERE! THROW A GOOD SCARE INTO HIM, BUT FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE DON'T LOSE CONTROL OF YOURSELF AND REALLY DO HIM HARM!

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STAMP PAGE

by *SIDNEY M. ELIAS*

ALTHOUGH we in the United States celebrate October 12th, as Columbus Day, in honor of the accredited discoverer of America, history relates that Columbus actually never set foot on continental North America. Columbus made four voyages to the western hemisphere and during each trip he discovered new lands but none in North America. On his first voyage he landed on Watling Island in the Bahamas on Oct. 12, 1492 which he at that time called San Salvador. During this voyage he also discovered Cuba and the island of Hispaniola,



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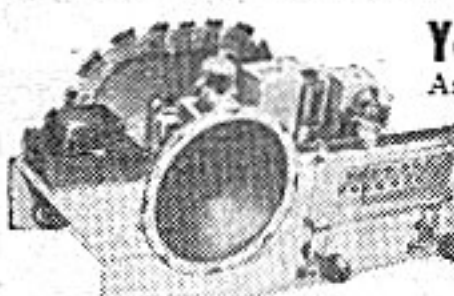
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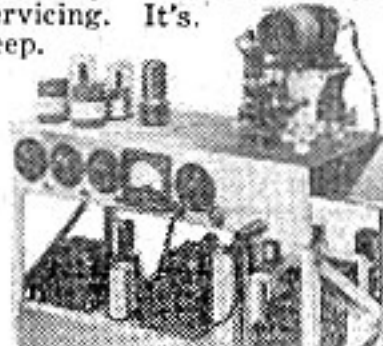


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